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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- POSITION OF MAURITIUS ON KOREAN QUESTION

REF: (A) PORT LOUIS 843; (B) PORT LOUIS 849; (C) USUN 5462;
(D) USUN 5591

1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY PORT LOUIS,
AT ITS DISCRETION, ENCOURAGE PRIME MINISTER RANGOOLAM
TO INSTRUCT MAURITIUS' PERM REP RAMPHUL TO VOTE AGAINST
UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN PLENARY.

2. WHILE WE WELCOMED MAURITIUS' COMMITTEE ONE VOTE IN
FAVOR OF OUR RESOLUTION, WE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT
MAURITIUS' ABSTAINED ON THE OTHER SIDE'S RESOLUTION. WE
CAN ADD IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT, JUST BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ONE VOTING ON OCTOBER 29, RAMPHUL PROMISED US
TO VOTE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION.
HIS PROMISE WAS MADE TO AMB BENNETT WHO, HAVING HAD PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE WITH RAMPHUL, WORKED THE CONVERSATION BACK SO THAT
RAMPHUL TWICE EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST THE
HOSTILE RESOLUTION. MAURITIUS SUBSEQUENT ABSTENTION, THEREFORE,
CAME AS AN UMPLEASANT SURPRISE.

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3. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT RANGOOLAM'S INSTRUCTIONS AS

REPORTED REF (B) REACHED RAMPHUL AFTER HE MADE HIS PROMISE,
RAMPHUL GAVE US NO INDICATION OF THIS.

4. IN EXPLAINING HIS VOTES TO COMMITTEE ONE, RAMPHUL SAID:
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT, MY
DELEGATION VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN
DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.708/REV 1 DOUBLE ASTERIK. NORMALLY,
I SHOULD BE VOTING NEGATIVELY ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN
DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.709; BUT I SHALL NOT DO SO. IN A SPIRIT
OF ACCOMMODATION WITH THE SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IN
A/C.1/L.709, I SHALL ABSTAIN.".

5. USUN NOTES RAMPHUL'S PROJECTIONS (REF (A) AND (B)) THAT
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION UNLIKELY TO PASS IN COMMITTEE ONE.
EMBASSY PORT LOUIS MAY WISH, ACCORDINGLY, TO POINT OUT TO
RANGOOLAM THAT OUR RESOLUTION WOUND UP GETTING EIGHT
MORE VOTES THAN THE ONE SPONSORED BY THE OTHER SIDE.
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